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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PARM US UK UR  
SUBJECT: US-UK CTB CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS RUNDOWN OF UK VIEWS ON VARIETY OF CTB  
ISSUES WHICH EMERGED DURING CONSULTATIONS SEPT 29.

2. PNES -- BRITISH BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD  
FIRMLY TO POSITION THAT PNES CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AND  
REFUSE TO BE DRAWN INTO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL  
ISSUES IN PNE WORKING GROUP. WITH REGARD TO PNE DEFER-  
RAL, BRITISH BELIEVE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR IDEA TO  
PERCOLATE THROUGH SOVIET HIERARCHY AND THAT SUBJECT

SHOULD PROBABLY NOT BE DEALT WITH IN PLENARY. THEY  
BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS TO PUT FORWARD ILLUSTRATIVE  
LANGUAGE UNTIL THERE IS SIGN OF SOVIET MOVEMENT INASMUCH  
AS MOROKOV COULD PORTRAY IT AS EVIDENCE OF LACK OF FIRM-  
NESS IN WESTERN POSITION. THEY DO NOT EXPECT SUCH MOVE-  
MENT THIS ROUND, BUT BELIEVE US AND UK DELEGATIONS SHOULD  
HAVE AGREED PROPOSAL IN RESERVE. CRADOCK COMMENTED  
THAT THERE WERE NO REALLY EQUAL TRADEOFFS WITHIN CONTEXT

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OF THIS NEGOTIATION FOR SOVIET'S FALLING OFF ON PNES.  
IF THEY DECIDE TO DO SO IT WILL BE IN BROADER CONTEXT OF  
VALUE OF CTB PER SE OR GENERAL US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP.  
BRITISH BELIEVE SOVIETS WILL IN THE END FALL OFF.

3. VERIFICATION

A. AUTOMATED SEISMIC INSTALLATIONS: BRITISH

BELIEVE THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DECIDE IS REQUIRED,  
VALUE OF ASIS SHOULD BE BUILT UP DURING THIS ROUND.  
RESULTS OF SEPT 30 TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS  
SUBJECT WILL BE REPORTED FROM GENEVA.

B. ON-SITE INSPECTION: US REPS EXPLAINED TWO-TRACK  
IDEA. BRITISH WERE INTERESTED AND THOUGHT WE SHOULD  
CONTINUE TO INSIST ON SPELLING OUT RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS  
OF OBSERVERS IN PROTOCOL WHILE AVOIDING ISSUE OF HOW  
INSPECTION AUTHORIZED. THEY BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE  
SEPARATE WORKING GROUPS ON OSI AND ASI.

4. OTHER ISSUES: BRITISH RAISED AGAIN THE IDEA OF  
WAIVER OF ENTRY-INTO-FORCE REQUIREMENT WHICH THEY HAD  
PRESENTED DURING MID-SEPTEMBER WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.  
IT WAS AGREED DISCUSSION OF MATTER WOULD BE DEFERRED TO  
LATER STAGE. BRITISH SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE US IN  
GENEVA WITH NON-PAPER ON MORATORIUM ISSUES AND SUGGESTED  
WE MIGHT BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO STOP TESTING  
DURING PERIOD BETWEEN SIGNING AND ENTRY-INTO-FORCE. ON  
ORGANIZATIONAL SIDE BRITISH WANT NO MORE THAN THREE  
PLENARIES PER WEEK AND WOULD BE CONTENT WITH TWO. THEY  
WOULD LIKE TO GET POLITICAL-LEGAL WORKING GROUP, WHICH  
THEY PREFER TO CALL "POLITICAL ADVISERS", STARTED EARLY  
USING PRETEXT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIP OF  
CTBT TO OTHER TREATIES.

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